

HOUSE No. 437

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to parental notification and consent.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Daniel K. Webster	6th Plymouth
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 465 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:

4 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or vocational school district implementing
5 or maintaining curriculum, or a school sanctioned program or activity, which involves human
6 sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orientation issues shall adopt a written policy
7 ensuring parental or legal guardian notification.

8 Such curriculum programs and activities, which involves human sexual education, human
9 sexuality issues, or sexual orientation, shall be offered only in clearly identified non-mandatory
10 elective courses in which parents or guardians may choose to enroll their children through
11 written notification to the school, in a manner reasonably similar to other elective courses offered
12 by the school district.

13 To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related items for said curriculum, programs,
14 and activities shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school
15 administrators, and others for inspection and review.

16 No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to participate in any such curriculum
17 program and activities which involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or
18 sexual orientation issues that violate his or her religious beliefs.